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Arman: A Retrospective (15 Feb- 29 Mar 2008)



Long Term Parking (Concrete embedded with model cars. 1982) w. 46 x l. 46 x h. 140 cm.



Accumulation of Violins. (Bronze. 2005) 73 h. (max) x 65 w. (max) cm



Inclusion of Paint Tubes. (Paint tubes behind Plexiglas. 2004) h. 52 x l. 38 x w. 14 cm

Le Violon Bleu is proud to announce its opening exhibition; **Arman: A Retrospective**, on display at the gallery on 23 Maddox Street, London W1 from February 15 to March 29 2008. This extensive and exciting exhibition will present previously unseen as well as seminal works, exploring the life of Armand Pierre Fernandez (1928-2005).

Le Violon Bleu was established in Tunisia in 2004 and rapidly built a significant presence as a leader in the field of contemporary North African and Middle Eastern art. The new London branch, under the same ownership, is bringing North African and Middle Eastern influences and re-contextualising them amongst European artists.

Arman represents one of the most important international contemporary object artists of his time and is now one of the most collected. His work is currently on display in over ninety museums and numerous international art galleries worldwide. *Le Violon Bleu* will be exhibiting a variety of painted, lithographic, sculptural and installation works. These include Arman's famous *Inclusions*, a scaled down version of *Long Term Parking* and a chance to see limited edition *Accumulations*.

Salma Feriani, owner of *Le Violon Bleu*, commented:

"We are delighted that our new London gallery is opening with such an important retrospective exhibition. Arman was a firm friend of *Le Violon Bleu* and directly supplied many of the works on display. His passion for musical instruments, particularly the violin, represent the inspiration behind the gallery logo and name."

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Opening: Mon-Fri: 10.30–6.30 Sat: 11.30-5.30 Sun: by appointment.